

March 18, 1976

CLERK: 25 ayes. 10 nays.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted, Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Move that the bill be advanced.

PRESIDENT: All in favor say aye. Contrary say nay. The bill is advanced.

CLERK: Mr. President, I move to return LB 204 to Select File for specific amendment to strike new language beginning on line 24-27, strike section 3 paragraphs 1 and 2. Signed Senator Koch. This is on page 1192 of the Legislative Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President and members of the body. I would like to bring this bill back to Select File to strike the language that's referred to in 1192 and has to do with defining territories, distributorships, relationships with breweries and others, and the bill would still be adequate because we would still be taking care of joint tenancy and getting young people out of it and taking care of this Fair Boards. I am not satisfied with the answers I have been receiving. And why suddenly in the late days we are talking about establishing thieftoms or distributorships for certain interests. I think this body ought to be aware of what this thing is all about. I don't think it's up to us to pass special legislation for privileged people. I see no reason, if there is a brewery ~~thinking~~ about coming to the State of Nebraska they ~~can't~~ operate under present laws. I don't think it's necessary for us here as a body to deliberately and intentionally establish certain privileges and I would ask for you to bring this bill back to Select File for an open discussion of the reasons why we are attempting to pass this bill. Particularly this language.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I would oppose bringing it back. I think if you ~~will~~ read existing law, it already says this is the way it is suppose to operate. This clarifies it and sets it up so that in the future the license will specifically designate these territories. Now it's my understanding, as I said a few minutes ago from conversation with half a dozen people, that there is a rumor about, well this involves Coors beer. It may or may not in the future, I don't know. I do know, I do know that if any, whether it's Coors or Falstaff or anything else, if they come in the state under this new bill, under this amendment, clarifying amendment that this would eliminate the problem of competition from one district into the other trying to pirate or steal away customers, you would have your territory, you would sell within in it, you would eliminate, if you want to use the term beer wars, liquor wars and you might eliminate alot of other problems. As I say, whether Coors will ever come to Nebraska or not, I think only Coors knows and to those that think that this is some mysterious Coors bill, all I can say is, to the best of my knowledge it certainly is not a Coors